

**Program A: Wildlife**

Unless otherwise indicated, all objectives are to be accomplished during or by the end of FY 2003-2004. Objectives may be key or supporting level. The level of the objective appears after the objective number and before the objective text.

Performance indicators are made up of two parts: name and value. The indicator name describes what is being measured. The indicator value is the numeric value or level achieved within a given measurement period. For budgeting purposes, performance indicators are shown for the prior fiscal year, the current fiscal year, and alternative funding scenarios (continuation budget level and Executive Budget recommendation level) for the ensuing fiscal year of the budget document. Performance indicators may be key, supporting, or general performance information level. Key level is indicated by a "K" in the "Level" column of the standard performance indicator table. Supporting level is indicated by an "S" in the "Level" column of the standard performance indicator table. General Performance Information indicators appear in tables labeled as General Performance Information.

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1. (KEY) To assess and implement management plans that enhance/maintain habitat and provide public access on 1.5 million acres of Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges across the state.

Strategic Link: This operational objective is linked to the Strategic Objective 1: To provide wise stewardship on 100% of our Wildlife Management Areas and Refuge systems' lands including performing maintenance or access enhancements of at least 8% of the land base and 90% of the road/trail areas each year through FY 2006-2007; Strategic Objective 3: To annually exceed by 1% the long-term (1990-99) national trend of resident and non-resident hunting license holders through the year 2007 to provide funding for wildlife management and education programs that enhance wildlife habitats and foster a greater appreciation of natural environments and the impact of habitat degradation, and the Office of Wildlife goal of providing optimum distribution and densities of wildlife populations.

*Louisiana: Vision 2020* Link: This operational objective links to Objective 3.5 - To preserve, develop, promote and celebrate Louisiana's natural and cultural assets for their recreational and aesthetic values.

Children's Cabinet Link: Not Applicable

Other Link(s): Not Applicable

Explanatory Note:

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4004	K	Areas Conserved	1,406,000	1,432,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
4005	K	Acres Actively Managed	148,000	141,800	148,000	148,000	148,000	148,000
4006	K	Man Days of Recreation	900,000	753,000 <sup>2</sup>	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000
15168	K	Miles of Access Roads/Trails Maintained <sup>1</sup>	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	880	880	880	880
15169	S	Acres per Full-Time Technician Staff <sup>3</sup>	Not Applicable	21,050	20,050	20,050	21,425 <sup>4</sup>	21,425

<sup>1</sup> Maintenance may require work on the same portion of a road/trail more than 1 time per year; however, the value reported only represents the first time maintenance is performed that year.

<sup>2</sup> A WMA permit (for fee) was required of hunters for the first time during FY 2000-2001. Additionally, the Department began an effort to sample users in a more systematic manner in FY 1999-2000. Personnel limitations have reduced our ability to sample in this manner. The reduction from FY 1999-2002's actual (799,000) also may be in part a reflection of decreased sampling. Most Department areas are going to a user permit checking-out system to reduce the need for estimations and allow personnel to concentrate on other management activities.

<sup>3</sup> Full-time Technicians assigned to Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges based on head count.

<sup>4</sup> Value recorded based on projected end-of-year acres (1,500,000)/technician head count assigned to areas (70). The desired trend for this value is negative, not positive.

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2. (KEY) To provide 5.4 million man days of hunting recreation annually commensurate with sound biological management.

Strategic Link: This operational objective is linked to the Strategic Objective 1: To provide wise stewardship on 100% of our Wildlife Management Areas and Refuge systems' lands including performing maintenance or access enhancements of at least 8% of the land base and 90% of the road/trail areas each year through FY 2006-2007; Strategic Objective 3: To annually exceed by 1% the long-term (1990-99) national trend of resident and non-resident hunting license holders through the year 2007 to provide funding for wildlife management and education programs that enhance wildlife habitats and foster a greater appreciation of natural environments and the impact of habitat degradation, and the Office of Wildlife goal of providing optimum distribution and densities of wildlife populations.

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15184	K	Number of Written or Oral Tech. Asst. <sup>1</sup>	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	16,000	16,000	16,000 <sup>4</sup>	16,000
15190	K	Acres Enhanced <sup>2</sup>	Not Applicable	3,577,000	3,300,000	3,300,000	5,400,000 <sup>5</sup>	5,400,000
15192	S	Number of requests for Information Answered <sup>3</sup>	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000

<sup>1</sup> An assistance includes any documentation, written or verbal, that is necessary to adequately address the issue or concern. It is recognized that some responses may only take a few minutes while others may take considerable more, including on-site inspections. However, because of the volume of requests, the few minute ones constitute a considerable amount of the technical personnel's time; therefore, no differentiation is made between the types of responses. The total responses provide a better indicator of staff activity. This differs from the PI of "Number of Requests for Information Answered: in that it now focuses solely on requests of biological nature and is limited to the technical staff. Other contacts are included in the PI "Number of Request for Information Answered".

<sup>2</sup> An acre is considered enhanced when technical assistance is given. The department does not have the staff to do on-site inspections of all requests. In the instance of hunting clubs or large properties, the entire acreage is considered enhanced when technical assistance is provided. Acreage is counted only one time per year even if assistance is given more than one time or for different reasons.

<sup>3</sup> This represents any requests for information answered by Office of wildlife staff, such as "When does the deer season open..., How can I do..., Can I do....

<sup>4</sup> This value was estimated based on the estimated proportion of the 41,700 public contacts recorded by the technical staff during FY 2000-2001 that were considered to be biological in nature.

<sup>5</sup> The increase in this value is due to inclusion of alligator and other furbearer management recommendation that had previously not been considered in the technical assistance category. It is equal to the existing performance indicator plus the marshland acres with recommendations minus those DMAP technical assistances within the coastal zone to prevent double counting.

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3. (KEY) To annually enter 400 new or updated Element Occurrence Records (EORs) in our nongame, rare, threatened and endangered species database showing the location and status of one of the species of special concern in Louisiana.

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15207	K	Number of new or updated EORs entered <sup>1</sup>	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	400	400	400	400
15208	S	Number of Nuisance Black Bear problems acted upon <sup>1</sup>	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	50	50	50	50
15209	S	Number of man-days expended on biological surveys on populations of non-game, rare, threatened and endangered species and native plants <sup>1</sup>	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	120	120	120	120
15210	S	Number of Nuisance Animal Control Operators and Nuisance Animal Control Permits issued <sup>1</sup>	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	120	120	120	60 <sup>3</sup>
15211	S	Number of Wildlife Rehabilitator Permits issued <sup>1</sup>	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	50	50	50	50
15212		Number of Scientific Collecting Permits issued <sup>2</sup>	80	28	60	60	40	40

<sup>1</sup> These performance indicators were not required or reported during FY 2001-2002.

<sup>2</sup> This is the only performance indicator in the current plan that was standard and reported during FY 2001-2002.

<sup>3</sup> Regulations for permits changed by APA Rule will impact future permits.

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4. (KEY) To achieve, annually, at least acre-for-acre, in-kind mitigation or equivalent compensation for all unavoidable damages to fish and wildlife habitat resulting from projects impacting regulated wetlands and riparian wildlife habitat.

Strategic Link: This operational objective is identical to strategic objective 4. Annually achieve at least acre-for-acre, in-kind mitigation or equivalent compensation for all unavoidable damages to fish and wildlife habitat resulting from projects impacting regulated wetlands and riparian wildlife habitat.

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15216	K	Ratio of area of mitigation or compensation/area of unavoidable impact less than/equal to one <sup>1</sup>	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	1	1	1	1
15217	S	Number of public notices received for review <sup>2</sup>	1,500	2,021	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
15218	S	Number of written comments issued on permit notices, and projects containing mitigation recommendations <sup>1</sup>	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	500	500	500	500
15219	S	Number of Scenic River Permit applications received <sup>1</sup>	Not Applicable	22	20	20	20	20
15222	S	Number of Scenic River Permits issued with mitigation requirements <sup>1</sup>	Not Applicable	21	20	20	20	20

<sup>1</sup> This performance indicator was not a required indicator during FY 2001-2002.

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5. (KEY) To manage and promote wise utilization of the alligator resources of the state to provide species protection and conservation and where appropriate, maximize sustainable annual harvest of 32,000 wild and 180,000 farm raised alligators.

Strategic Link: This operational objective is linked to the Office of Wildlife goal of providing optimum distribution and densities of wildlife populations.  
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4030	K	Wild Alligators Harvested	32,000	35,108	32,000	32,000	32,000	32,000
15224	K	Farm Alligators Harvested (tags issued)	180,000	182,394	180,000	180,000	180,000	180,000
4041	S	Farm Alligators Released to the Wild	40,000	34,679	40,000	40,000	35,000 <sup>1</sup>	35,000
15225	S	Alligator Eggs Collected	Not Applicable	354,287	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000

<sup>1</sup> Nest production and egg harvest in 2002 was lower than 2001, therefore the number of alligators to be released in FY 2003-2004 is expected to drop slightly.

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6. (KEY) To manage and promote wise utilization of the furbearer resources of the state to provide species protection and conservation and where appropriate, maximize sustainable annual harvest of 240,000 furbearers.

Strategic Link: This operational objective is linked to the Office of Wildlife goal of providing optimum distribution and densities of wildlife populations.

Louisiana: *Vision 2020* Link: To preserve, develop, promote and celebrate Louisiana's natural and cultural assets for their recreation and aesthetic values.

Children's Cabinet Link: Not Applicable

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4043	K	Total Furbearers Harvested	120,000	37,580	325,000 <sup>1</sup>	325,000 <sup>1</sup>	240,000	240,000
15226	K	Nutria Harvested	40,000	24,683	300,000 <sup>2</sup>	300,000 <sup>2</sup>	200,000	200,000
15227	K	Acres Impacted by Nutria Herbivory	100,000	90,000	100,000	100,000	100,000 <sup>3</sup>	100,000

<sup>1</sup> The harvest of total furbearers will be higher than projected due to the Coastwide Nutria Control Program which will start in FY 2002-2003.

<sup>2</sup> The Coastwide Nutria Control Program will provide funding to trappers to harvest nutria therefore the nutria harvest will be higher than past years.

<sup>3</sup> Although the nutria harvest is expected to increase, additional time will be required for habitat recovery.

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7. During FY 2003-2004, the Hunter Safety Section of the Wildlife Program will provide at least 500 instructional classes on hunter safety to a minimum of 20,000 persons to provide safer hunting conditions through better educated hunters.

Strategic Link: This operational objective is linked to accomplishing the Strategic Objective 1: To provide wise stewardship on 100% of Wildlife Management Areas and Refuge systems; lands including performing maintenance or access enhancements of at least 8% of the land base and 90% of the road/trail areas each year through FY 2006-2007; Strategic Objective 2: To increase the number or acres of private lands for which technical assistance to enhanced wildlife habitat is provided by 5% by 2007; Strategic Objective 3: To annually exceed by 1% the long-term (1990-99) national trend of resident and non-resident hunting license holders through the year 2007 to provide funding for wildlife management and education programs that enhance wildlife habitats and foster a greater appreciation of natural environments and the impact of habitat degradation, at the Office of Wildlife goal of providing optimum distribution and densities of wildlife populations.

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Children's Budget Link: Not Applicable

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3993	K	Hunter Education Courses Taught	500	557	500	500	500	500
3992	S	Number of Students Completing Courses	20,000	21,990	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000



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GENERAL PERFORMANCE INFORMATION:						
LaPAS PI CODE	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR NAME	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR VALUES				
		PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1997-98	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1998-99	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1999-00	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 2000-01	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 2001-02
	Deer harvested 1	267,600	243,400	267,500	244,800	212,200
	Turkeys harvested 1	9,200	8,000	8,300	9,000	Not Available
	Harvest per hunter season for: 1, 2					
	Ducks	36.4	39.8	35.1	33.3	24.9
	Rabbits	12.4	11.2	11.3	9.9	7.6
	Squirrels	19.2	19.0	18.9	16.2	15.1
	Quail	9.3	12.3	11.2	14.4	8.3
	Woodcocks	5.2	4.6	5.1	6.2	4.3
	Doves	19.9	18.2	19.9	20.1	19.4
	Percentage of all basic licensed hunters who: 1,2					
	Deer hunt	72.9	69.2	71.5	68.5	69.6
	Squirrel hunt	43.8	43.5	44.9	38.1	35.7
	Rabbit hunt	22.7	21.9	21.1	20.4	16.6
	Quail hunt	1.6	1.1	1.3	39.2	1.2
	Dove hunt	20.7	22.8	24.9	1.7	19.6
	Woodcock hunt	2.0	1.8	1.9	2.8	1.3
	Duck hunt	34.0	40.7	37.1	23.9	31.5

1 Determined through department mail survey of licensed hunters. Turkey harvest is determined for the spring of the prior fiscal year; thus no estimate is available for the immediately prior year.

2 Harvest per hunter with at least one animal harvested (except for deer hunters).